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**A PROPORTIONING SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR OPERATING A PROPORTIONING SYSTEM**

(Insert invention title)

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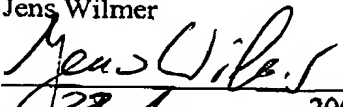
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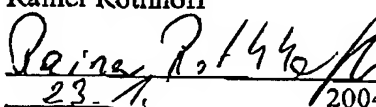
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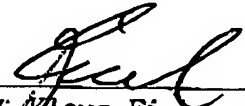
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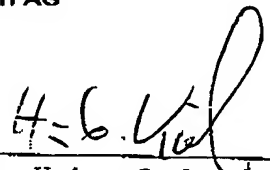
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